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cut-out, which are formed in the periphery of the chassis, for facilitating interconnections between the display panel and the circuit boards by flexible cables which pass therethrough.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

AMENDED and SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATIONS are attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claims and ADD NEW claims, in accordance with the following:

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1. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A flat display unit comprising:

a display panel;

a circuit board having circuits thereon for driving the display panel; and

a chassis combining the display panel and the circuit board into a unit, said chassis having first and second surfaces opposite to each other on which the display panel and the circuit board are mounted, respectively, and a side wall extending from an edge of the first surface on which the display panel is mounted, perpendicularly to the first surface, and along the periphery of the display panel.

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7. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A flat display unit including a chassis mounted with a display panel and a circuit board for driving the display panel, on both surfaces thereof, respectively, for combining the display panel and the circuit board into a unit, wherein the chassis comprises a pair of recesses provided in both of the surfaces, respectively, and the display panel is adhered to one of the recesses by an adhesive and the circuit board is secured to another of the recesses by a securing element or material, and wherein the display panel and the circuit board are electrically interconnected with each other by a wiring cable which is lead to both of the surfaces of the chassis through a through-hole provided in the chassis.

8. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A method for fabricating a flat display unit in which a display panel and a circuit board for driving the display panel are combined into a unit through a chassis, the method comprising :

connecting each of terminals at an end of a flexible cable to corresponding one of a plurality of electrode terminals exposed on an edge of the display panel;

preparing a chassis having front and rear surfaces opposite to each other, a side wall extending from the periphery of the chassis, perpendicularly to the front surface, and a recess defined on the front surface by the side wall ;

accommodating the display panel in the recess and adhering thereto the display panel;

extending another end of the flexible cable to the rear surface of the chassis through a through-hole provided in the chassis;

mounting the circuit board on the rear surface of the chassis;

connecting said another end of the flexible cable to the circuit board, so that the circuit board and the display panel are in a mutually conductive condition.

9. (AS ONCE AMENDED HEREIN) A method for fabricating a flat display apparatus in which a display panel and a circuit board for driving the display panel are combined into a unit through a chassis, the method comprising :

connecting each of terminals at an end of a flexible cable to corresponding one of plurality of electrode terminals exposed on an edge of the display panel;

preparing a first chassis having front and rear surfaces opposite to each other, a side wall which extends from the periphery of the first chassis, perpendicularly to the front surface, and a recess defined on the front surface by the side wall surrounding thereof;

accommodating the display panel in the recess and adhering thereto the display panel;

extending another end of the flexible cable to the rear surface of the first chassis through a through-hole provided in the first chassis;

mounting the circuit board on a front surface of a second chassis having a rear surface opposite to the front surface thereof;

passing said another end of the flexible cable through a through-hole provided in the second chassis so as to extend to the front surface of the second chassis;

adhering respective said rear surfaces of the first and second chassis;

connecting said another end of the flexible cable to the circuit board, so that the circuit board and the display panel are in a mutually conductive condition.

14 18. (AS NEW HEREIN) A flat display unit as set forth in claim 1, wherein the side wall extends along and covers the periphery of the display panel.